

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 199
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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING LAWS RELATED TO THE GOVERNOR'S
5 OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; RENAMING THE CHIEF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT OFFICER
6 TO CHIEF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICER; REVISING THE DUTIES OF THE CHIEF ECONOMIC
7 DEVELOPMENT OFFICER; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 2-15-218, 2-15-219, AND 2-18-103, MCA; AND
8 PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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12 **Section 1.** Section 2-15-218, MCA, is amended to read:

13 **"2-15-218. Office of economic development -- structure.** (1) There is an office of economic
14 development within the office of the governor.

15 (2) The head of the office is the chief ~~business~~economic development officer, who must be
16 appointed by the governor.

17 (3) The office of economic development is composed of the following policy and program
18 specialties:

- 19 (a) business retention and recruitment;
- 20 (b) workforce development;
- 21 (c) technology development;
- 22 (d) infrastructure improvement; and
- 23 (e) permitting and regulatory processes.

24 (4) The office may employ or contract with policy specialists to implement the programs listed in
25 subsection (3) and the functions referred to in 2-15-219.

26 (5) The office may accept grants, loans, and other gifts from sources other than the state for the
27 purpose of administering the provisions of 2-15-219, 90-1-112 through 90-1-114, and this section."

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1 **Section 2.** Section 2-15-219, MCA, is amended to read:

2 **"2-15-219. Chief ~~business~~economic development officer -- duties.** The chief ~~business~~economic

3 development officer shall:

4 (1) advise the governor on policy issues related to economic development;

5 (2) ~~lead~~coordinate the state's business recruitment, retention, and expansion efforts;

6 (3) coordinate the development and distribution of a statewide coordinated strategic economic

7 development plan;

8 (4) coordinate the individual functions and programs within the office as provided in 2-15-218; and

9 (5) serve as the state's primary liaison between federal, state, and local agencies, Montana tribal

10 governments, private, nonprofit economic development organizations, and the private sector."

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12 **Section 3.** Section 2-18-103, MCA, is amended to read:

13 **"2-18-103. Officers and employees excepted.** Parts 1 through 3 and 10 do not apply to the following

14 officers and employees in state government:

15 (1) elected officials;

16 (2) county assessors and their chief deputies;

17 (3) employees of the office of consumer counsel;

18 (4) judges and employees of the judicial branch;

19 (5) members of boards and commissions appointed by the governor, the legislature, or other

20 elected state officials;

21 (6) officers or members of the militia;

22 (7) agency heads appointed by the governor;

23 (8) academic and professional administrative personnel with individual contracts under the

24 authority of the board of regents of higher education;

25 (9) academic and professional administrative personnel and live-in houseparents who have

26 entered into individual contracts with the state school for the deaf and blind under the authority of the state

27 board of public education;

28 (10) investment officer, assistant investment officer, executive director, and eight professional staff

1 positions of the board of investments;

2 (11) four professional staff positions under the board of oil and gas conservation;

3 (12) director of the Montana state lottery and assistant director for security of the Montana state

4 lottery;

5 (13) executive director and employees of the state compensation insurance fund;

6 (14) state racing stewards employed by the executive secretary of the Montana board of

7 horseracing;

8 (15) executive director of the Montana wheat and barley committee;

9 (16) commissioner of banking and financial institutions;

10 (17) training coordinator for county attorneys;

11 (18) employees of an entity of the legislative branch consolidated, as provided in 5-2-504;

12 (19) chief information officer in the department of administration;

13 (20) chief ~~business-economic~~ development officer and six professional staff positions in the office of

14 economic development provided for in 2-15-218; and

15 (21) the director of the office of state public defender provided for in 2-15-1029."

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17 NEW SECTION. **Section 4. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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